



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-569-A)

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In re Application of: Nakayama et al.)

Serial No.: 09/724,915)

Filed: November 28, 2000)

For: Chordin-Like Molecules)
and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: D. Romeo

Group Art Unit: 1647

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED JULY 2, 2002

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed July 2, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 45, designated as Group I by the Examiner. The claims of Group I are drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, and host cells comprising same, and methods of recombinantly producing the encoded polypeptide. Applicants further elect to prosecute the species of the nucleic acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7, with traverse. The basis for Applicants' traversal of the requirement is as follows.

Applicants respectfully submit that there will be no undue hardship on the Office in performing a search with respect to the nucleic acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 7 and SEQ ID NO: 11. The Chordin-Like (CHL) polypeptides encoded by these sequences (i.e., the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8 and SEQ ID NO: 12) share a sequence identity of 98%, differing only in that the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 8 has a five amino acid insertion at positions 319-323 (Exhibit A). The open reading frames for each of these sequences share a sequence identity of greater than 98% (Exhibit B). Sequence alignments were performed using the application MacVector 7.1.1 (Accelrys, Cambridge, UK; <http://www.accelrys.com>) at the default settings.

Applicants enclose a petition for a one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If Examiner Romeo believes

it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

Dated: August 22, 2002

By:

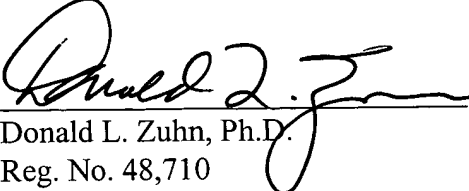

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EXHIBIT A

Aligned Length = 452 Gaps = 1
Identities = 447 (98%) Similarities = 0 (0%)

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SEQ12.txt    446 HC 447
SEQ08.txt    451 HC 452
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EXHIBIT B

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SEQ07_ORF					
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SEQ07_ORF					
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SEQ07_ORF					
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